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Date: June 12, 2020  
To: All Staff and Residents  
Subject: Re-Opening Committee – Visits and volunteers  
From: Assistant Commissioner Benjamin R. Jean

As a result of the continued concerns regarding COVID-19 in the State, the New Hampshire Department of Corrections is extending the suspension of visitation and volunteer services in all NHDOC facilities through Friday, June 26, 2020. Non-contact visits for attorneys with residents having active cases are permitted on a limited first come first serve basis and must be scheduled directly with the facility to be visited. The Department of Corrections will also continue accommodations for electronic attorney/client activity. Tours require preauthorization by the Commissioner and will only be considered if associated with pandemic planning purposes. Events are also postponed through June 26, 2020.

The Department understands the importance of visitation, volunteer programming, interns and attorney/client activity and will continue to use the re-opening committee to assess and monitor the situation. We will lift restrictions when it is safe to do so. Attorneys with urgent needs will continue to contact the Warden or designee for the facility housing their client. We look forward to a new normal that keeps safety and health at the forefront.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJ", is positioned above the printed name of Benjamin R. Jean.

Benjamin R. Jean  
Assistant Commissioner